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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

DALE ERICKSON,

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER

MIKE FERRITER, Director of Montana  
Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

Dale Erickson, by counsel (Erickson), has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. He sets forth particular facts to support his allegation that he is being unlawfully restrained of liberty.

We deem it appropriate to receive a response to the petition from the Respondent, addressing the particular factual allegations raised by Erickson, as well as his legal arguments. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent shall have 20 days from the date of this Order to file a response to Erickson's petition, as noted above.

The Clerk is directed to mail a true copy hereof to all counsel of record.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

Chief Justice

*Patricia Cotter*

*[Signature]*

William Byrd

John Rice

Justices